

**Cultural and Historical Committee
Meeting Minutes
October, 6 2009**

The Bethany Beach Cultural and Historical Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. in the Town Meeting Room, 214 Garfield Parkway, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

Members present: Carol Olmstead, who presided; Margaret Young, Jane Fowler, Pat Rogers, Gloria Farrar, Mary Lou Urquhart, and Theo Loppatto.

Also present: Mary Lou McNerney, guest; Lindsey Shallcross, Administrative Secretary.

Call To Order

Ms. Olmstead called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes from June 9, 2009 Meeting

The spelling of Gloria Farrar's last name in the first paragraph was corrected.

Ms. Young made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Fowler seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Approval of the Minutes from June 30, 2009 Meeting

Ms. Loppatto made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Rogers seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved.

Announcements

Museum Artifacts List- Final Review

The member reviewed the Archive of Contents of the Bethany Beach Museum. They discussed No. 19 under *I. Artifacts*:

- 19. Attendee signed Earth-mover on occasion of 2008 Bethany Beach Replenishment "kick-off" event.

However, no changes were made.

Ms. Olmstead announced that a picture was donated by Bill Addy and a Coast Guard photo was framed and donated by the Bennett family.

Ms. Olmstead asked the members to look over the list further in their leisure time.

Update on Historical Plaques Ordered

Boardwalk Plaques

Ms. Olmstead addressed that the historical plaques for the Bethany Beach boardwalk took a considerable amount of time to conclude how they are going to be mounted.

Ms. Olmstead stated that the cost is approximately \$1,000 per each 18 by 20 inch plaque because of the drawing on it and the special mounting. She acknowledged that it is expensive, but is a Committee priority and they have the funds. The final cost for the seven plaques will be slightly over \$7,000.

The members examined the proofs of the plaques for errors. Ms. Young suggested changing the name "Alicia" to "Alice" in the Seaside Inn plaque. The change was approved by the other members.

Ms. Olmstead stated that she will send in the approvals of the plaques. She said that they should be completed and put up by Thanksgiving 2009.

Plaques on Houses

Ms. Olmstead asked the members if older houses that have been renovated and modernized should be eligible for historical plaques. Guidelines will need to be made.

Ms. Loppatto provided information that the Town of Lewes is strict with their historical plaque restrictions. Ms. Olmstead said that she will call the Town of Lewes to ask for their guidelines for recognizing historic homes that have been renovated.

Ms. Fowler expressed that a renovated house should only be issued a historical plaque if the outside structure still looks basically the same as when it was built.

Ms. Olmstead stated that they should vote at the next meeting on whether or not to give renovated homes a plaque.

Museum Summer Docents: Input and Letter of Thanks

Ms. Olmstead informed the Committee of the letter of thanks sent to the ten people that served as docents over the summer by working in the historical museum on Sunday afternoons.

Cultural Event October 27, 2009

"Flying Pumpkins" Film Presentation in the Council Room

The presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2009. The film will be 88 minutes long. They will be serving popcorn and apple cider to those who attend.

Ms. Farrar said that she sent an advertisement to two newspapers and created a poster to put in the Coastal Point newspaper on October 23, 2009. Ms. Olmstead asked Ms. Farrar to select an advertisement that is one-fifth of a page and under \$100.

Future Cultural Events

Ms. Olmstead acknowledged that if anyone becomes aware of an interesting topic to present to the public then they should bring it forth.

Ms. Young suggested that Dr. Wray's presentations are appealing.

Ms. Olmstead said that there is a resident that lives in Bethany Beach who designs postal stamps. The members agreed that would be an interesting topic for an event.

Oral History Project: Planning for Interviews

Ms. Olmstead said that she spoke with Mr. Ray Disney recently, and that she is going to give him a copy of the Oral History Interview List. Wednesday afternoons and Thursdays are the best days for Mr. Disney to conduct the interviews. He can perform two or three interviews a day.

Ms. Rogers asked if the people being interviewed should plan what they're going to say. Ms. Olmstead replied that they should not because it should sound natural and not scripted.

The committee members went over the list of interviewees and thought of ideas for topics. They proposed that it is important to get different information about Bethany Beach from each person being interviewed.

Ms. Olmstead said they should begin October 21, October 22, October 28, and October 29. It was decided to call the first six people the first two weeks.

The Committee members discussed whether or not Mr. Disney should conduct the interviews at their homes or in his studio. Ms. Olmstead said that she is going to verify with Mr. Disney.

Ms. Olmstead suggested that a Coordinator be appointed to keep track of appointments and Ms. Farrar offered to take the position. The committee voted unanimously for Ms. Farrar to be the Coordinator.

Ms. Farrar asked the other members to confirm each appointment that is made.

Ms. Olmstead said that it is important for the interviewee to discuss their early memories of Bethany Beach.

Committee Membership for Upcoming Year

Ms. Olmstead said that committee membership for the upcoming year will be discussed at this month's Council Meeting.

Other

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

On-going Old Projects:

- Theo Loppatto and Carol Olmstead: Titles for pictures in Town Hall.
- Pat Rogers and May Lou Urquhart: Newspaper articles.
- Note cards of houses on town map.

- Ms. Olmstead provided the committee members with information that next July is the 100th Anniversary of the Loop Canal. She suggested that they should plan an event to recognize it.
- Ms. Young asked Ms. Olmstead about the pictures to be framed in the Town Office Hallway. Ms. Olmstead presented the pictures to the Committee.
- Applications for the Seaside Craft Show of June 5, 2010 are being sent out by the end of October 2009 and must be returned by February 1, 2010.
- The next CHAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Ms. Olmstead adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsey Shallcross
Administrative Secretary

